(c) whether the Ministry is rectifying the mistakes in the text books;

(d) whether, inspite of factual errors, Government have imposed deliberately books from the current year itself; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. As reported by NCERT, its attention has been drawn towards some errors that crept into new text books. These .errors are broadly of four types', namely, typographical, language, factual and those of omission of some factual information. NCERT carried out corrections/revision wherever found necessary. Development/revision/ modifications of text books are regular and on going activities of NCERT. Central Government does not impose text books. It is upto the respective State Governments/Boards of School Education to take a suitable decision on the books to be used in their respective schools.

Fake certificates

398. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:
SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently fake certificates have been recovered from a fake Central Board of Higher Education in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that they had set up their centres in various States;

(c) if so, the steps taken to curb such fake education centres from spreading its wings to-destabilize the educational system in the country; and

(d) the details of the seizures in the above and such other cases, where forged education certificates have come into play?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Yes, sir.

(c) As per the information received from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the Crime Branch, Delhi Police and Department of Education, Government of NCT Delhi, the following steps have been taken to curb such fake education centres:—

(i) A malpractice Cell has been set up in the CBSE to monitor and curb such spurious activities.

(ii) A List of fake Boards which have been identified is published in the quarterly magazine of the Board as well as displayed on the CBSE website.

(iii) The Commissioner of Police, Delhi *vide* his circular dated 4th April, 2000 directed all Police officials that in case any fake educational institution comes to notice or any complaint is received against these institutions, prompt action should be taken against them as per law.

(iv) Raids have been conducted by the Crime Branch and three persons responsible for running the fake Education Board—"Central Board of Higher Education" have been arrested.

(v) Another such fake Education Board in the name of "All India Board of Secondary Education", Delhi was also raided by the Crime Branch in May, 2002 and in this connection four persons were also arrested.

(vi) The Education Department, Government of NCT Delhi has issued a Notice for information of the general public about the existence of such fake Boards.

(d) Certificates/Mark sheets and application forms (blank/filled-up), examination forms, result registers etc. were seized from the offices of "Central Board of Higher Education", New Delhi and "All India Board of'Secondary Education", Delhi.